



DES News

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The Quick List

Important Dates for the term

August

- 20 - Residence halls officially open for students attending Mustang Corral.
- 23 - Residence Halls officially open
- 24 - Opening Convocation
- 25 - First day of class
- 29 - Fall Add/Drop
- 29 - Last day to file for Dec graduation

September

- 1 - Labor Day University Holiday
- 10 - Last day to declare pass/fail, no credit or first-year repeated course grading options.
- 10 - Last day to request an excused absence for the observance of a religious holiday.
- 29 - Early intervention grades due for first-year undergraduate students.

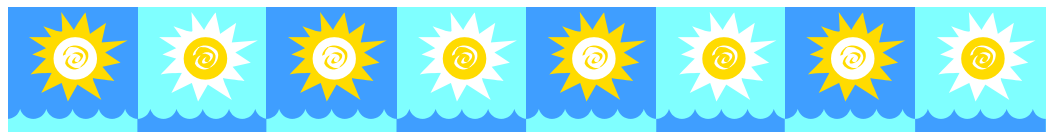
October

- 13-14 - Fall Break
- 24-25 - Family Weekend

I think most of us have a love/hate relationship with the month of August. It is an extremely busy time for all the areas, especially for those who are short staffed. On the other hand all the work we do confirms for the new students and the continuation ones as well; that we are glad they are a part of the SMU family. The month of August also brings the excitement of students moving into the dorms, starting classes and attending Mustang Corral. Alex represented not only the admission office but spoke to the new students as an SMU alum. As you will read below Convocation was a great success, the very next day I heard from parents who had attended and wanted to “relive” it or share the experience with family members who were not able to attend.

Now we are into September and students are still trying to figure out how things “work” in college. We will see their sweet faces at the help desks for weeks to come. Meanwhile the Admission staff is already out and about recruiting the next batch of new students.

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It's Good to Know...

Please help me welcome Valerie Little as the newest team member in the University Registrar's Office. Valerie will start on Tuesday, September 2, 2014, as the Enrollment Manager. Valerie is not new to SMU. She has worked in the Student Life Office since 2012. She also worked at North Lake College for 4 years. Valerie received both her BBA and MBA from Dallas Baptist University. Valerie will process enrollment transactions and petitions, set up enrollment appointments, oversee enrollment communications and website information, and more. Her phone number will be 8-2442 and her email is vlittle@smu.edu.

John Hall

- 26 - Midterm grades due for first-year and sophomore students.
- 27 - Last day for continuing undergraduate students to change their majors before November enrollment.

November

- 3-21 - Enrollment for spring 2015 continuing students for all undergraduates and for graduates in Dedman College, Lyle and Meadows.
- 7 - Last day to drop a course.
- 13 - Last day for December graduation candidates to change grades of Incomplete
- 14-15 Homecoming Weekend.
- 21 - Students should file for May graduation.
- 25 - Last day to withdraw from the University.
- 27-28 - Thanksgiving Holiday.

New Staff - Welcome!

Amber Howell, BO
Christina Harris, BO
Valerie Little, RO

Staff Leaving *We will miss you!*

Allie Bures,
Admission
Daniella Balderas,
Admission

DES Spotlight



Want to be a part of the 100 club?we didn't think so.

It is not unusual for at least one of the ER staff members to take 100 calls in a day. However on August 18th, we were 100% **Renae, Daniel, Adrienne (best temp ever) and Irma** each took over 100 calls that day. Irma is not "too proud to beg" for help, so **Candace Hayden-Jordan** and **Shelly Walker-Downey** graciously offered to listen to the many voice messages left not only that day but over the course of several days. We would have never completed the emails or been able to respond to messages in a timely fashion without their help.

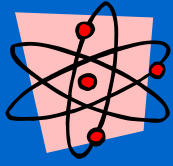
Dallas Heart Walk



Join SMU at Reunion Tower for the Dallas Heart Walk, on Saturday morning, September 13, 2014 as we raise awareness about heart health and wellness. This non-competitive 5K event is the largest Heart Walk in the nation and while we are promoting wellness, it's also a lot of fun to complete. The Dallas Heart Walk is celebrating its 20th year and as part of the celebration, the Mustang Band will lead off the parade for students, alumni, faculty and staff along with our friends and families! Get there by 8am (we suggest taking DART) and we'll meet for a SMU group photo before the walk. **Kimberly Scott** is pleased to report that 17 folks in **DES** have signed up but there is always room for more. To join the **DES team**, follow this link **Join a Team Now!**

Everyone that participates will get a great SMU commemorative walk t-shirt.





Our Centennial Convocation

It was a convocation worthy of a historic 100th! And having seen almost half of the 100 Opening Convocations, I'd say it was the best ever. From the gathering of the students, to the passage through Dallas Hall, the walk to Moody, the convocation in Moody and the after party on Mustang Plaza.... it was first rate! And with a bumpy start this morning when there was no power in Moody until around 1:00 p.m., pulling this off with grand style was even more significant.

Thanks everyone. As Todd stated, it takes everyone on the ceremonies team to make this happen.

It was an excellent start for Todd. A grand farewell for Meg. And, another success for Nancy and Tom, and the entire ceremonies team.

John Hall

Mustang Corral 2014

We welcomed the class of 2018 to Mustang Corral August 21-23.



Our very own Alex Munoz leads a "passing of the torch" candle lighting ceremony, a time honored tradition at Mustang Corral.

Transfer Welcome Dinner

The Transfer Welcome Dinner was a success. We had one of our biggest turnouts to date, including 59 students and 8 faculty/staff including FIRs Rita Kirk, Beth Wheaton and Will Power. The Mustang Transfer executive board provided an ice breaker and Jeff Grim talked about their affiliations with the RCs, access to the RCs, etc. Beth Wheaton and Will Power talked about the role of the FIR and the RCs in our community. Students received transfer t-shirts, OC cups, flashlights from SMU-in-Taos, SMU Yearly Planners from Student Media and emergency cards with Peruna stickers from Deanie's office. Big thanks go to Todd, Meg and Monica for their help in making the dinner a nice welcome event for these new students!!

Nancy Skochdopole



A Great Reason to Celebrate!

September Birthdays

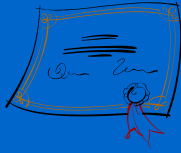
- 4 - Gina Kelbert
- 6 - Renae Spotser
- 11 - Kathleen Hayden
- 14 - Ashley Griffin
- 24 - Melissa Guerra
- 26 - John Emmett
- 26 - Monica Cordero

September Work Anniversaries

- 1 - Cruz Lopez (16 years)
- 3 - Jackie Wilborn (24 years)
- 5 - Tiffany Hawkins (14 years)
- 5 - Stan Eddy (14 years)
- 5 - Joe Lopez (2 years)
- 7 - Kelly Wyper (4 years)
- 8 - Bill Chandler (11 years)
- 10 - Candace Hayden-Jordan (2 years)
- 14 - Chris Cornell (4 years)
- 14 - Joseph Knight (4 years)
- 17 - Olivia Trevino (2 years)
- 17 - Elizabeth Stevenson (2 years)
- 20 - Claudia Gomez (2 years)
- 20 - Darrah Rippey (14 years)
- 29 - Daniel Herrera (11 years)

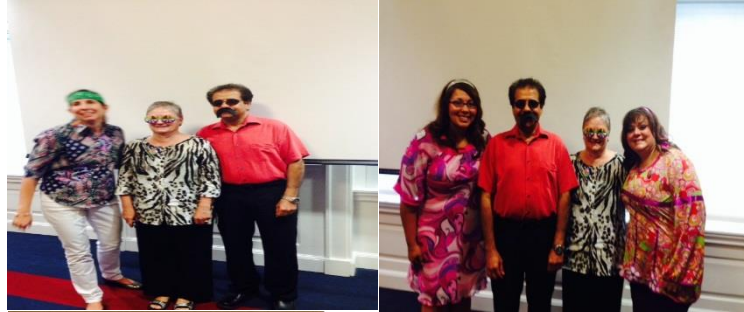
If we missed your birthday or work anniversary please email iherrera@smu.edu.





Susan Evans Celebrates 40 Years of Service...

At this month's Registrar's meeting we honored Susan Evans for her 40 years of service and dedication at SMU. Everyone dressed up in 70's garb for the occasion. Susan accepted a certificate, complete with acceptance speech, commemorating her 40 years at SMU.



Groovy and psychedelic attire to mark the occasion...

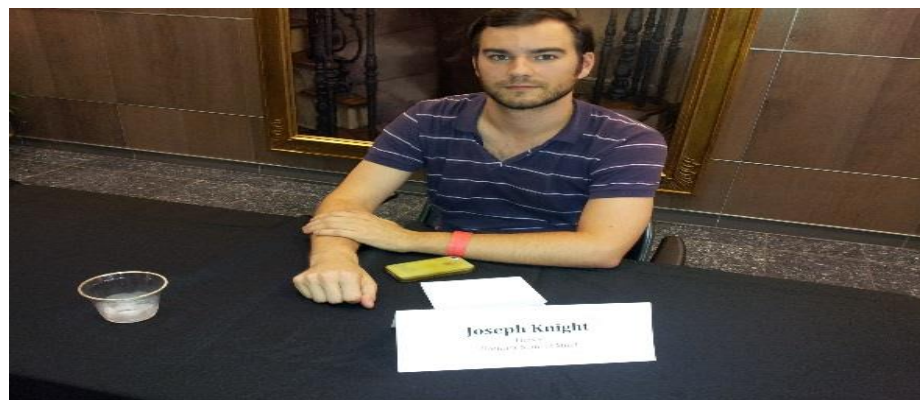


Joe Papari presents Susan Evans with a certificate honoring her 40 years of service at SMU.

Susan giving her acceptance speech.

Kudos to Joseph Knight!!!

Joseph Knight presented his MLS Graduate thesis paper titled: The Frontier Ethos: Islamic and Muslim Integration Into Texas Civil Religion, A Critical Thesis On Our Univocal Multiculturalism.





More Mini Mustangs!

Baby Jackson Ongena was born on 7/8 at 2:06 am. This future Mustang weighed in at 7 lbs 8 oz.



Too adorable!

